

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 21, 2002 LB 946

in that store, their wages, they're spent here. But the wages from the...from the smaller establishments in this state, that are now out of business, would have been here, and have been here for generations. Some of these small...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ..individuals have been here for years. They didn't...they paid their taxes. They were on school boards, city councils, they participated in the growth of this state. They've been here for generations. And how long will some of these large corporations be here? Yes, they brought a lot of...they've brought a lot of a...a...employees into this state, but where did they come from? Where did they come from? So I...I am going to be in support of...of LB 946, and I will oppose the bracket motion because LB 775, LB 620 have been a benefit to this state, but some of the arguments that we're using aren't exactly true. This state has grown, yes, we've grown in population. A lot of that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, we've talked a little...some people mentioned history. When this bill was passed in 1987, there's only six of us left, I was one of them. Three voted for it, three voted against it. I voted for LB 775. And I voted for it because I felt that we were under, quote, at that time, economic pressure. The Chairman of the Revenue Committee sits where Senator Burling sits right now, Senator Vard Johnson. In Omaha we had lost Northern Natural Gas to Houston, which later on become the famous Enron. Mike Harper was threatening to take ConAgra out of Omaha. So there was the stress on us to get something passed, which we passed it with LB 775. I've supported all economic packages. I don't support the bracket motion here. I don't support the bracket motion here. Senator Pederson is talking about LB 620, that's what Wal-Mart benefited from, not LB 775. That's what